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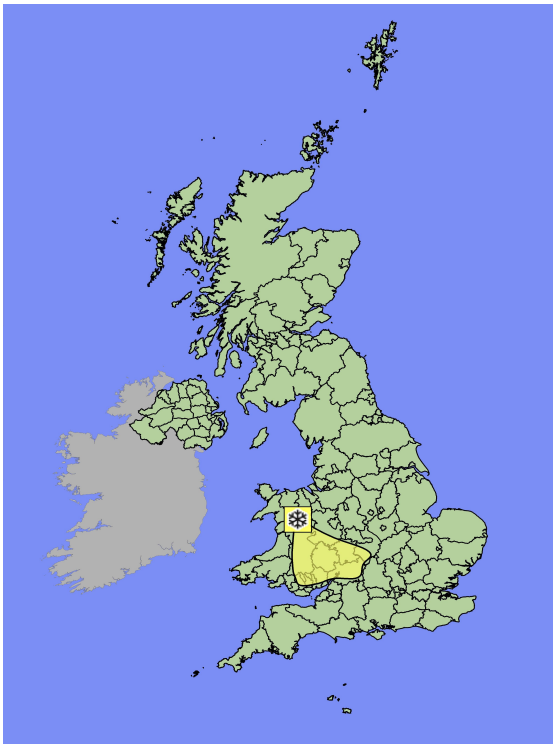

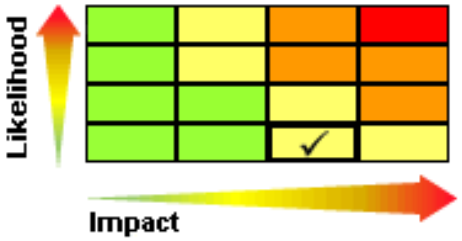

Chief Forecasters Assessment
An area of low pressure will move east towards southwest England early on Saturday, bringing spells of rain, heavy in places. As the low centre moves away southeast into France, colder air will be drawn westwards across central and southern parts of the UK, leading to an increasing risk of rain turning to snow. This will occur more readily over high ground, but also to lower levels, particularly during the afternoon and evening. Despite some uncertainty in the track of the low, there is a consistent signal for rain turning to snow, although lower confidence in the areas likely to be affected. At this stage the main risk area for impacts is expected to be more eastern parts of Wales and the southwest Midlands, although other parts of the Midlands and the south may see some sleet and snow by the end of the evening.

The sleet and snow will gradually pull away south overnight.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Snow**

Valid from **12:00 on Sat, 12th Jan 2013** until **23:55 on Sat, 12th Jan 2013**

Rain will turn increasingly to snow during the course of Saturday across more eastern parts of Wales and the southwest Midlands, firstly over high ground, and later to low levels. There is the potential for 5-10 cm of snow to accumulate on ground above 200 metres with localised accumulations of 2-5 cm eventually at lower levels.

The public should be aware of the risk of disruption to travel.

For more details please go to:
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